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Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

- 1.) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2.) PTO Form 1449 with 10 documents; and
- 3.) Return Postcard.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter to Deposit account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications and information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-98, hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is, therefore, submitted as both timely and proper; correspondingly, no fees are believed to be due. The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment in association with the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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